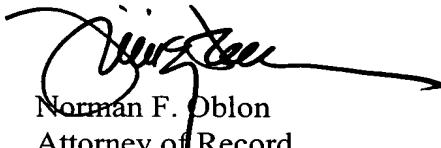


Accordingly, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merit. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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